The Honorable Dave Camp  
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The Honorable Sander Levin  
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The Honorable Fred Upton  
Chairman  
House Committee on Energy & Commerce  
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Henry Waxman  
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Dear Chairman Camp, Chairman Upton, Ranking Member Levin and Ranking Member Waxman:

America’s rehabilitation hospitals and hospital-based rehabilitation units provide critically important medical rehabilitation, therapy, and rehabilitation nursing care to hundreds of thousands of patients with conditions such as strokes, neurological impairments, spinal cord injuries, or traumatic injuries that require intensive rehabilitation. Rehabilitation hospitals and units provide patients with the opportunity for a quick recovery so they can resume active, productive, and high quality lifestyles in their homes and communities.

Care and services provided by rehabilitation hospitals and units is a covered benefit under Medicare and is paid for through a payment system established specifically for these services. As a result of prior legislative and policy decisions implemented by Congress and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that imposed significant payment reductions and process changes to the way Medicare covers and pays for rehabilitation hospital services, Medicare expenditures for these services have been essentially flat since 2004—there has not been a rehabilitation hospital spending “growth problem.” Therefore, we would be highly concerned with any legislative proposals containing disproportionate cuts or policy changes intended to dramatically reduce funding resources for, or patients’ access to, inpatient rehabilitation hospitals and units.

We understand the need to reduce the federal budget deficit, but strongly believe that such reductions should not be achieved at the expense of unwarranted and disproportionate cuts to rehabilitation hospitals and units or diminishing patients’ access to their care and services. We respectfully request your continued support for rehabilitation hospitals and the essential services they provide.

Respectfully,

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